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SUBJ: U.S. YOUNG LAWYERS REQUEST FOR NAMES OF POSSIBLE

INVITEES

REF: STATE 121766

- 1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET MAY 17 WITH UNION OF COMMUNIST YOUTH (UTC) OFFICIAL (ROSIANU) WHO HANDLES U.S. AFFAIRS AND GAVE HIM LETTER ADDRESSED TO UTC INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY, RADU ENACHE, REQUESTING UTC ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE NOMINEES FOR YLD/ABA. MEMBERSHIP IN UTC IS MANDATORY FOR YOUNG LAWYERS OR LEGAL SCHOLARS UP THROUGH THEIR MID-THIRTIES AND PARTY APPROVAL OF ANY NOMINEES IS EQUALLY A SINE QUA NON. ALTHOUGH PAST EXPERIENCE IS NO BASIS FOR OPTIMISM ON PROMPT RESPONSE TO INVITATION, WE STILL BELIEVE THAT UTC INITIATIVE IS LESS LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS.
- 2. EMBASSY OFFICERS STRESSED NEED FOR EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF INVITATION AND SOUGHT INDICATION OF RECEPTIVENESS. RESPONSE WAS THAT INVITATION SHOULD BE FAVORABLY RECEIVED BUT THAT ROMANIANS WOULD NOT WISH TO SEND MORE THAN TWO OR THREE PERSONS. WE REITERATED THAT WE WERE ONLY ASKING FOR NAMES AND BIOGRAPPHIC SKETCHES OF POSSIBLE NOMINEES, FROM AMONG WHICH YLD/ABA WOULD SELECT INVITEES, PROBABLY FEWER THAN THE TOTAL OF FIVE OR SIX SUGGESTED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. ROSIANU DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF FUNDING, BUT WE FULLY EXPECT THIS ASPECT TO SURFACE AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING IF INVITATION DOES RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN MEANTIME FOR DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE US WITH AS MUCH INFORMATION AS IS AVAILABLE ON THIS USUALLY CRUCIAL MATTER, AS WELL AS SITE AND DATE OF AUGUST LYD/ABA

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